

IBIS HEATS UP COLD CASE – A CHICAGO STORY



September 30, 1995

A black Nissan Pulsar pulls up to 9244 South Blackstone and shots are fired into a group of men standing on the sidewalk. Blumenberg, 19, is shot dead and Johnson is wounded in the back.

September 28, 2003

Police stop a 1988 Lincoln Town car with a shattered rear window. Officers find a Glock, model 19, 9mm, pistol.

June 22, 2004

Illinois State Police, a NIBIN Program partner, link the evidence from the Blumenberg murder to the Glock pistol recovered in the Lincoln using IBIS technology.

October 7, 2004

ATF agents and police track down the buyer of the Glock through firearms information and record keeping systems.

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The woman tells police that she bought the gun for Coggs because he was a felon and was barred from purchasing firearms. In fact the woman was involved in at least two other questionable gun purchases.



October 7, 2004

She explains that the day after she bought the gun for Coggs she lent him her black Nissan Pulsar. She said that a friend told her that she saw Coggs shoot Blumenberg and Johnson just minutes after it had happened. Coggs gave the gun to another person after the murder.

November 7, 2004

Investigators interview a witness who tells them that after the Blumenberg murder she and her aunt received anonymous calls and were threatened and told to keep quiet about what they had seen.

May 17, 2005

Police interview another witness who was a passenger in the Nissan Pulsar the night Blumenberg was killed. The witness tells a Grand Jury that he saw Coggs shoot Blumenberg and Johnson.

May 18, 2005

Coggs, a one-time enforcer for the "Black Gangster Disciples" street gang was arrested and charged with Blumenberg's murder.

Logo tattoo for the "Black Gangster Disciples" street gang.